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Gōdāvari—and say whether he, as the hon. the Chief Minister, takes the responsibility of saying that none of these large districts can find a single man to be elected president of the district board."

Mr. A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask the hon. the Chief Minister whether the financial condition of each district has not also to be taken into consideration ? "

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" I am much obliged to that answer ! " (Laughter from the opposition benches).

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The conditions are various. In some cases competent persons may not be available. In some cases the boards may be financially unsound and have deficit budgets and so forth. So if the conditions are satisfactory, Government will be prepared to grant the privilege."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" Are we to understand that out of the 48 members of the Ganjām District Board no one is able to run on the district board ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" It is a question which requires an expression of opinion and I am not prepared to answer it."

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU :—" Is it the view of the Government that in case of a deficit budget the nominated president will discharge his duties more efficiently than an elected president responsible to the board and through the board to the electorate of the district ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" In that case the Government can expect a certain standard of ability."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Does the hon. the Chief Minister realize that those districts have returned hon. Members to this Council and if they can return Members to this Council to help the Government in the administration of the whole Presidency, does he seriously suggest that they cannot elect presidents of district boards ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I do not think it requires any answer."

Education.

The Board and Municipal Muhammadan elementary schools.

67 *Q.*—Mr. K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government, the hon. the Minister for Education and the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the number of Board and Municipal Muhammadan Elementary schools for boys and girls opened during the past three years in the Ceded districts ?

A.—Information is not available. It will be called for.

Aid to Arabic schools.

68 *Q.*—Mr. K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of schools opened by the Government and the amount spent during the last three years for the spread of Sanskrit Education in the Presidency ; and

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(*b*) whether the Government intend to extend the concession to Arabic by aiding purely Arabic schools and employing a Superintendent of Arabic schools on the analogy of the Superintendent of Sanskrit schools?

A.—(*a*) No Sanskrit schools have been opened by Government. The expenditure on grants-in-aid and on inspection of Sanskrit schools during the three years 1920–21, 1921–22 and 1922–23 is as follows :—

	1920–21.	1921–22.	1922–23.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Teaching grants	24,200	25,000	29,900
Furniture grants ...	1,453	186	...
Building grants	100	...	...
Superintendent of Sanskrit schools, establishment and contingencies	9,563	8,169	8,512
Total ...	35,316	33,355	38,412

(*b*) The Government do not propose to aid schools which do not provide secular instruction. Since there is only one recognized Arabic institution, the Government do not consider that there is need at present for the employment of a Superintendent of Arabic Schools.

Mr. K. Abdul Hye Sahib :—" Will the hon. the Minister kindly state whether there is any Sanskrit institution which was giving secular education and for which grant was given ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. Patro :—" Yes."

Muhammadan representation among Deputy Inspectors of Schools.

69 Q.—Mr. K. Abdul Hye Sahib : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the number of new appointments of Muhammadan Deputy Inspectors of Schools made during the past three years and the number of promotions made to that grade in the Ceded Districts and how many of them were given to natives of the Ceded Districts ?

A.—The following persons were newly appointed as Deputy Inspectors of Muhammadan Schools during the last three years in all districts including the Ceded Districts :—

1921—No new appointments.

1922—(1) Muhammad Usman Sahib, Tinnevelly Muhammadan range.

(2) Saiyid Durwish Muhi-ud-din, Vizagapatam Muhammadan range.

(3) S. A. Ibrahim Ali Sahib, Madura Muhammadan range.